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REDUCED PROFITS CAUSE

HERALD

HOUSE, IN U.S.

AGAIN, SAYS

Head of American Mission Reports Conference

Cemented Allies.

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 15.-Peace

was never discussed at the interallied war council in Paris which cemented

together the allied Nations for the

vigorous prosecution of the war, de-

clared Col. E. M. House, head of the

"Before the conference co-ordination

was not going on well, but we are now all working together. We got to-gether principally on the economic situation, the embargo on shipments

to neutral countries, food and finance

Peace was never mentioned in any of our meetings or conferences, either in Paris or at the meeting of the supreme war council in Versailles," Col. House

said.

The governments must ratify all action taken at the Paris conference. The formation of the naval conference, announced yesterday from Washington, was one of the accom-

Gen. Bliss Returns. The supreme war council is now a permanent body. America is entitled to representation if it is desired. Gen.

Bliss, chief of staff and member of the American mission, returned with

Col. House and will make a report of the work of the war council to Secre-tary Baker. Col. House will arrive in Washington Monday to report to

President Wilson on the work of the

"I will report that it was a com

plete success," Col. House said to

They were accordingly grouped

May Not Go Back.

returned with Col. House. Those two

decision of President Wilson. How ever, I do not expect to be sent back.

"Gen. Pershing has a difficult task," said Col. House, "but he is doing it very well. While in France I visited

the American camps and the men are

now in the best of condition and will be ready to fight when the time comes. And they know how to fight, Both Pershing and Admiral Sims are

Col. House paid high tribute to the

tion Ends His Perfect Week.

discussed Col. House said:

plishments, Col. House said.

BIG SUCCESS

OF SUGAR KING'S ATTACK,

Custody; Constituent

Assembly Fizzles.

Special Cable to Washington Herald

Petrograd. Dec. 15.-Schneer, one of

the three delegates of the Bolshevik

who conferred in the truce conference

plying for certificates for fear of per-

appear in Petrograd.
As for the Bolsheviki delegates

persed the board of aldermen of the

Union Government's Victory Fore-

Cast, with Lourier Contesting.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—Campaigning in the most bitterly fought election Can-

ada has known since confederation finished up today. Most of the big po-litical meetings were held last night, leaving Saturday to complete prepa-

Win-the-war workers are sanguine of the return of the union government

by a majority of 30 to 40 seats, but by

a coincidence the latest Laurier esti-

mate splits these figures, forecasting a majority of thrirty-five for the Lib-

erals. What is certain to happen is that all the provinces except Quebec,

and possibly Alberta, where there is a strong American and German pacifist

clamations, which were raised to twenty-six today by the withdrawal of Raoul Jasmin, independent candi-date. J. C. Ethier. Liberal and former

member, was elected. Ten Unionists

and sixteen Liberals have been elect-

GOVERNOR APPEALS

being in Quebec,

ed by acclamation, eleven of the latter

a telegram from Cleveland stating that schools, hospitals and other util-

itles would be forced to close unless coal arrives immediately, Gov. Cox today appealed to the Federal au-

AGAIN FOR COAL

special to The Washington Herald.

rations for Monday's polling

city of Nizhni-Novgorod.

They generally feared to

Food Administrator Makes Reply to Spreckels' Charges Holding War Committee Responsible for Shortage of Sweets.

SAYS HERBERT HOOVER

Herbert C. Hoover, Food Administrator, replied last night to the charges of Claus A. Spreckels, president of the Federal Sugar Refining Company, that the food administration was hand in glove with the Sugar

The reply came at the close of sensational testimony given yesterday before the Senate investigating committee by Spreckels. Denles Spreckels' Statement.

Adding another count to the indictment he has drawn up against the Food Administration. Spreckels charged that the sugar trust had used its affiliation with the Food Administration to be the sugar trust had used its affiliation with the Food Administration to be the sugar trust had used its affiliation. Adding another count to the indicttion to bring pressure to bear on the government to drop its dissolution suit against the trust. Earl A. Babst, president of the

American Sugar Refining Company, which Spreckels refers to as the "trust," gave the direct lie to a part of Spreckels' testimony, though admitting that he had asked Spreckels whether he, Spreckels, would join with other refiners in suggesting that the suit be dropped. Spreckels startled the committee with

declaration that George M. Rolph. through his connection with the Cali-fornia-Hawaii Sugar Company and the American Sugar Refining Company, profited immensely by setting a high price on Cuban sugar. This price was set at \$4.90 f. o. b. Cuba, when the crop was abnormally large, he said. The average price for the last ten years was about \$2.65. By paying a higher price for the Cuban sugar. Spreckels charged, the Sugar Trust was able to raise the level of the beet sugar which it controlled. Their total profit on the deal was

approximately \$62,000,000, he asserted, and the sugar division of the Food Administration was partly responsible, in that it helped to fix the Cuban

Every member of the Food Administration, it is now indicated, will be put on the stand. Babst will testify

Hoover's Reply.

CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT.

WAR COUNCIL IN HIS OFFICE

Secretary Plans to Use Experience Gained by Americans Overseas.

Secretary of War Baker last night nnounced the formation of a war ouncil within the War Department to rdinate all supplies for the armies the Seld.

The council will consist of Secretary of War Baker, Acting Assistant Secretary Crowel, Maj. Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, chief of staff, and Maj. Gens. Henry G. Sharpe, quartermaster general; Erasmus Weaver, chief of Coast Artillery; William Crozier, chief of ordnance, and Enoch H. Crowder, proost marshal general. The announcement reads:

Text of Statement.

"Plans which have been under between Germany and Russia, has unsideration for some weeks were been arrested as a spy by the Bolonsummated in a general order isseviki party.

A Jewish newspaper man, Drapkin. Monday.

Heover's Reply.

The statement by Mr. Hoover follows:

"Anything I have to say to Mr. Spreckels' statements will be said in due time to the committee.

"It requires no proof from me to catablish that Mr. Spreckels, a leading sugar refiner, is sore at the Food Administration, and would like to see it destroyed. I realize that Mr. Spreckels' belance sheet will not look as good next year at last, for refiners' profits have been regulated. Furthermore, his balance sheet would have looked better this year if the late of last August had not been in Staff and will be provided suit
consideration for some weeks were consummated in a general order is seen arrested as a spy by the Bolseviki party. Seen the Bolsheviki doutset the council consists of the council of Staff, Gen. Henry C. Sharpe, Maj. Gen. William Crosier, and Maj. Gen. William Crosier, and Maj. Gen. Henry C. Sharpe, Maj. Gen. William Crosier, and Maj. Gen. Henry C. Sharpe, Maj. Gen. William Crosier, and Maj. Gen. Henry C. Sharpe, Maj. Gen. have looked better this year if the council will act through the Chief clice of last August had not been of Staff and will be provided suit-

COAL FAMINE JAP INVASION FACES GOTHAM

Poor Families Seek Fuel in London Displeased with Ac-Vain as Pneumonia

New York, Dec. 15.-New York is burning its last lump of coal. Famine Special Cable to Washington Here and New York Tribune. lief is forthcoming. Little hope was given by Federal Fuel Administrator Garfield, who has turned the problem of supplying the city over to Albert h.

are being made to furnish hospitals with enough to warm the buildings out of the rapidly dwindling supply Russians here say it will have an on hand.

suffering from the cold is increasing. Appeals to dealers went unanswered all day and scores of down-town business buildings and apartment houses will be in serious plight if the famine continues.

Big Pneumonia Increase.

A force of men was sent to New Jersey terminals, where it is reported that there are thousands of tons of coal originally intended for New York loaded on cars which are frozen to the siding. It is hoped that this supply, or a part of it, will reach here tomorrow, but that will only partly relieve the situation.

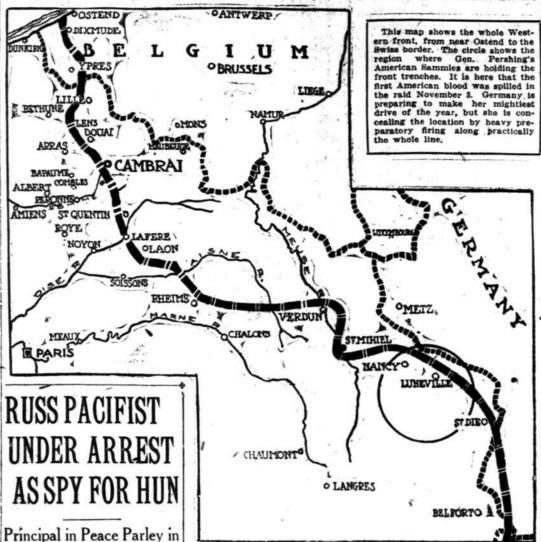
Gen. Allenby Announces Capture of 140 Prisoners.

Two hundred and sixty-three deaths caused by pneumonia were reported for the week, an increase of forty-three over the week previous. Thirty-three over the week previous. Thirty-at noon to a summaries say it was one of the centage of French Canadians are expected for the seven deaths were reported for the seven deaths were report

ENGLAND HONORS HER

tallant- troops who sailed away in tugust, 1914, and saved Europe, repre-

WHERE WILL GERMANY STRIKE?



TRASH, SAYS GERMAN PRESS, REGARDING WILSON'S ADDRESS

Calls President Opportunist and Leader of Kaiser's Enemies—Admit American Masses Support Him.

By ARTHUR S. DRAPER.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald and New York Tribune London, Dec. 15.—The German press expresses general dissatisfacion with President Wilson's address to Congress, even such Socialist newspapers as Vorwaerts and Volksstimme considering it a valuable weapon for the reactionary elements and declaring it a discouragement to the advocates of democracy.

Text Heavily Censored.

themselves, they are rather opposed tests to Richard Kuehlmann, secreto the convention at this time, and as a result the assembly was at-tended by a mere handful of deletary of foreign affairs, saying he ten:
should make an immediate reform in "President Wilson's attempt to

from the government inspired Nordpillaged here and many persons have been wounded by drunken mobs.

A railroad accident occurred near the capital in which were killed size Frankfurter Zeitung, there is sive Frankfurter Zeitung, there is sive Frankfurter Zeitung, there is sive Frankfurter Zeitung there is sive

President Wilson's speech pretends to give indorsement.

But it is plainly evident in every editorial that there is a strong feeling in Germany that the American people are supporting the President: that the United States is an "uncompromising enemy" and that, as the Koelnische Zeitung remarks "the trash that Wilson says about us is believed by the masses in America and we must reckon with that fact."

This growing respect for America is all the more remarkable when t is remembered that the wind is remembered that the more remarkable when t is remembered that the more remarkable when the more remarkable without the foliowing statement: "I wish to record my appreciation of the individual work of the men this critical time in the entente policy, but it is a due them in the individual work of the individual CANADIANS CONCLUDE This growing respect for America own domination and liberate itself is all the more remarkable when it is remembered that the military outlook in Germany has suddenly outlook in Germany has suddenly become more and more favorable. In

The text as circulated by Wolff's for ideals and not territorial aggran-News Agency is so heavily censored in all German editorials and both that the Frankfurter Zeitung prothe Muenchener Neueste Nachrich-

should make an immediate reform in draw the line between the German should make an immediate reform in this direction. President Wilson is the Modern Socialist party, is reported seriously ill.

Drunken Mobs Pillage.

In spite of the strict order against the sale of liquor, many of the population are in a state of intoxication. Stores and shops are being pillaged here and many persons have the sale of liquor, many persons have the sale of many the sale of the well liked by all the naval and mili-tary experts in Europe and Ameri-can interests are almost paramount."
"The morale of the people in the allied countries of Europe is splen-did. Even the French pacifists are compelled to admit that the morale

A railroad accident occurred near the capital in which were killed innety-three men.

Soldiers of the Bolsheviki have dispersed the board of aldermen of the city of Nizhni-Novgorod.

Soldiers of Nizhni-Novgorod.

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and Austria for each other contrast with the contempt shown changed. The statement of Count against America a few months back, Czernin, Austrian minister of foreign changed. Gais change is significant of the in-crease seriousness of Germany to-ward the question of making peace from the people's heart."

DIPLOMAT STRICKEN GERARD TELLS OF

James' F. Stutesman, 57, former Special to The Washington Herald. Minister to Bolivia, fell dead into the arms of former mayor of Mil-

many of the atrocities he saw prac-ticed by the Germans. To match the ticed by the Germans. To match the deeds of the Germans, the speaker ington to practice law in 1911.

tour of the South where he had been lecturing on food conservation in the interests of the Food Administration. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jessie Stutesman, who is at present with relatives in Crawfordsville, In-Mr. Stutesman had been for many

years a personal friend of Vice Presi-dent Marshall, graduating with him from Wabash University in 1884. Funeral arrangements have not been

HUN BRUTALITIES

nessed While Abroad.

waukee, D. S. Rose, in the writing Germany, who was the guest of terday afternoon, after finishing a honor at a luncheon tendered him by letter to a friend. Heart failure is ascribed as the cause of death. His home was in Peru, Ind. Stutesman was assistant manager guests present into his confidence even then a balance would be found. The treatment of Irishmen who were prisoners of war and of Belgian wom-en and girls who fell into the clutches of the Germans, Judge Gerard declared to be unspeakably revolting. When every effort to induce the Irishmen to

James F. Stutesman Drops Dead Describes to Lawyers Scenes Wit-

The mercury stopped going down in the bulb when the figure 11 was

Stutesman was assistant manager and described in intimate detail Endeavoring to Supply Shipyards with Coal Extraordinary efforts to supply coal to ship yards in Ohio and Michigan where Emergency Fleet Corporation vessels are being built, are being made

The administration announced last night following a conference with representatives of the American Ship-building Company, which has yards in troit, Mich., that the co-speration of the shipping board and the car ser-vice bureau had been enlisted and

to tumble again and registered 12

Cleveland and Lorain, Ohio, and Dethat the government was using every

ALLIES FORCED TO TAKE DEFENSIVE BY SURPRISE BLOW IN YPRES SALIENT

Hindenburg Hurls Force Against Polderhoek Chateau; Also Raids Trenches Near Prenville; Italians Lose 3,000 Prisoners.

By FRANK W. GETTY.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald and New York Tribune. London, Dec. 15 .- The Allies are on the defensive on the west ront. I am informed there is reason to fear this will be the state of things throughout the winter. Hindenburg's second "feeler"-delivered yesterday in the form of a surprise attack on the Ypres salient, north of the Ypres Menin road-resulted in the enemy obtaining possession of about 300 yards of front lines.

PREMIER STIRS BRITISH PUBLIC BY WAR TALK

Lively Debate in Parliament Presage of Excitement Still to Come.

"We have brought things to a focus. The interallied conference began No-vember 29. We held just three general meetings. All the rest of the work was done by committees. There were rep-resentatives of all of the nations now at war with the Central Powers pres-

of thousand the whole country's feeling.

Perhaps this is an advantage, for it is better to have two opposite camps than three, the third of which is composed of a mugwump aggregation of the shape of the "Gazette des Artheres," printed by the Germans in dennes," printed by the Germans in dennes," printed by the Germans in dennes," ent. including Japan, Greece, China and some of the free states of Africa. The governments sent the most able men for the work. They were special-ists, every one of them, in some way. nittees which facilitated the

work." When asked whether war aims were Premier's utterance as a strong tonic calculated to inspire the people for the great task now confronting them. So do the Morning Post and the Globe, but the Daily News, Evening War aims were not touched upon Star and Manchester Guardian find little or nothing in it with which they are in agreement. The entire American mission, with the exceptions of Crosby and Taylor,

Bebate in Lively.

A lively little debate in Parliament Friday, which revolved around the question of war aims and Sir Edward Carson's war program furnished a hint of what may be expected of the real discussion Wednesday, when an effort will be made to commit the men will arrive soon, he said. Ad-miral Benson and Gen. Bliss will make separate reports to the War and When asked whether he would again return to Europe, Col. House effort will be made to commit the effort will be made to commit the government on its war policy.

Britains Regain Trench. Today Haig reports local fighting last evening, in which his troops re-gained a considerable part of the trench into which the Germans pene-

TWO CENTS

The enemy attack came in strong The enemy attack came in strong force against Polderhoek Chatesu, the scene of unquestionably the hardest fighting when the British were pushing out from Ypres last fall. This region between Becalaere and Cheluvelt was the scene of those much-advertised mythical attacks by the British to which the German official statements constantly referred for the statements constantly referred for the obvious purpose of offsetting their losses elsewhere and which, accord-ing to Gen F. B. Maurice and other authorities, never developed or were even considered

The Boche also put out a feeler in the Cambrai salient, raiding trenches near Prenville and captur-London, Dec. 15.—Instead of solidifying the nation, Lloyd George has succeeded in drawing a sharper line of distinction between the two schools of thought, if the comments on his speech may be taken succeeded in drawing a snarper line of distinction between the two schools west front is the fact that the Germans, whenever the wind is favorable whole country's feeling.

Perhaps this is an advantage, for British and French lines carrying the line of the fighting on the west front is the fact that the Germans, whenever the wind is favorable.

dennes," printed by the Germans in French and containing glowing ac-ounts of recent successes in Italy.

Discredit Hun Reports. The Evening Star today on its front page suggests that the pre-mier's Gray's Inn speech last night hinted at an invasion of England. The Star says Lloyd George warned against new contingencies; against which precautions must be taken. The German attack on the west front is ruled out because that pos sibility already has been by the prime minister;

KAISER PLANS MEANS' JURY PEACE OFFER

lin Foreshadowed in Near Future.

London, Dec. 15 .- A "final offer of peace" from the Kaiser was fore-shadowed in an unofficial dispatch responsibility for further bloodshed life or death would rest upon the allies.

After three

will receive a flat turn-down. Pre-mier Lloyd George will relterate in the trial in which Means is charg-Parliament next Thursday his latest ed with the murder of Mrs. Maude speech, in which he declared em-phaticcally that only victory can bring about a secure and lasting

strength assembled in the west, Ger-many is intoxicated with the tri-Our local weather forecaster wound He guessed the fifty-seven varieties

He guessed the fifty-seven varieties of weather handed out to Washington in the past seven days without a slip.

Those with empty coal bins will not find much comfort in his latest prediction. It is fair and continued cold for today and tomorrow, with light Westerly winds.

He guessed the fifty-seven varieties future, either during the winter or siderable time in outlining to the jury its duty, and explained the three verdicts which it might returned back the millions that have been killed or invalided, would not bring back the millions that have been killed or invalided, would not revive the flower of the Empire's man power, nor save what is left to fight the indicated by the indicated of the law, and explained the three verdicts which it might returned first degree murder, second degree murder, or not suilty.

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If speak in the name of the law, without a slip. light Westerly winds.

If some inventive genius would de-If some inventive genius would devise a method of using ice for fuel he could reap a fortune. The Potomac is frozen over and there is a thickness of several inches on the Tidal Basin that will be available for skaters if somebody will remove the blanket of snow that covers it.

The mercury stopped going down distrial war of reconstruction. Much as Hindenburg and Ludendorff and the Kaiser's heir might wish to demonstrate the truth of their of repeated boast that once Germany has her hands free and is not compelled to fight in the "front and back door at the same time" she can conquer her Western foes, the Emperor himself, it prestige and peace within the father-

GEORGIA EXEMPTION **BOARD IS REMOVED**

Claim Made That Whites Were Given Preference Over Negroes.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 15.-The entire board of exemptions of Fulton County outside of Atlanta was removed from office late today upon complaint of Adjt. Gen. Crowder at Washington that the board was applying the ex-emption rules more stringently to ne-groes than to whites. Gen. Crowder's complaint stated

Gen. Crowder's complaint stated Boston, Dec. 15.—The first German that several negroes had been refused prisoner captured on the Western

GOES TO SLEEP 'Final" Proposal from Ber-Verdict in Murder Trial Probably Will Be Re-

turned Today.

By DAVID M. CHURCH. from Berlin today. It was said that the Emperor intended to make such an offer in his forthcoming Christmas message and would add that his future tonight, whether it is

After three hours and twenty min-From the western allies the offer utes of deliberation, the jury sitting would sleep over their deliberations With her maximum military Means will learn the verdict on Sun-

day.

Judge E. B. Cline spent two hours umphant feeling that a military vic-tory can be gained within the near future, either during the winter or in spring.

The a victory in the West even a

whose high servant I am, and I ask

you that you return a verdict which will reflect the truth." Judge Cline During these last few moments a

deathlike silence had fallen over the courtroom. Mrs. Gaston B. Means, wife of the defendant, began to weep bitterly. Throughout the delivery of the

frequently bowed her head in prayer His sister, Miss Belle Means, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Afton Means, also sat close by the side of the defend-

The State's case was closed by strong exposition of the alleged guilt of the defendant by Campbell Caldwell, a Statesville attorney. For four hours and ten minutes Caldwell ex-

German Captive Brought To America is a Dog

that several negroes had been refused exemption where white men were front and brought to the United. States landed here in special custody of Phillip Page, 158 St. Paul street, Brooklyn. He is a specially trained German police and war dog that was, of the exemption board immediately. The summary dismissal of the old Page, who just returned from a six proper deam as out of a clear sky, but months, service with the French. tellant troops who sailed away in turning all but five units of the Lambs' Club.

Seditions Letter Published.

Funeral arrangements have not been men were in that the government was using every means at command to got coal to keep that the government was using every means at command to got coal to keep that the government was using every means at command to got coal to keep that the government was using every means at command to got coal to keep the construction going. The main difficulty is trained some provided to a provide for a priority order for coal and the government was using every means at command to got coal to keep the construction going. The main difficulty is trained some of Belgium, was even worse. With my own eyes have seen them working in the flexibility. It is unfortunated as the deposed president was the deposed president was the deposed president was the deposed president was the design of the Lambs' Club.

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Perrograd, Dec. 15.—The letter to the construction going. The main difficulty is trained southwestern front. In all provided to a provide with the construction going. The main discussed in the deconstruction going. The main discussed by the prescription of the exiling of Gen. Gurko, former was even which a government was using every means at command to got coal to keep the construction going. The main discussed in the construction going. The main discussed in the deconstruction going. The main discussed in the deconstruction going. The main discussed in the deconstruction going. The main discussed in the construction going that the government was using every men to got coal to keep the construction going. The main discussed in the construction going that the government was the despited. The third would be designed in the construction going. The main discussed is the theory of the existing that the construction going that the construction going that the construction going that the govern

HEROES OF MARNE King and Queen and American Ambassador Attend Celebration.

ecial Cable to Washington Herald and New York Tribune.

London, Dec. 15.—The retreat from
lons and the battle of the Marne iquestionably made up the mail

ents, the first seven divisions of the rents, th first seven divisions of the ritish army who threw their bodies the path of the Prussian jugger-ut, making a human wall for civi-ation against German kultur, living tation against German and the dead, received the homage of Esgland today. Seven hundred survivors of those

IS CRITICISED

tion from Diplomatic Viewpoint.

By ARTHUR S. DRAPER.

London, Dec. 15.-Coming as it does at a time when America is looked upon as the last resort to join the unwieldy forces of Russia once more to the allied cause, the Japanese oc-Wiggjns. State administrator.
More than 125 schools will be torced to the allied cause, the Japanese occupation of Vladivostok, reported here to close within a few days unless re- to have been effected "in agreement lief is received. Special arrangements with Americans," is a distinctly un-

Russians here say it will have an Thousands of poor families, depen- undesirable effect in Russia, where dent entirely upon day-to-day sup-plies, were refused coal today and is hostile and England is unsympathetic, but the United States friendly and symppathetic. As a military measure, it is agreed

here it may have been necessary. No official statement on the occupation is forthcoming here. BRITISH PUSH ON PAST JERUSALEM

Meanwhile Gen. Allenby is not stopping with his success and is extend-ing his lines northeast of the Holy City. Today's report announced the capture of 140 prisoners in the operaons further north of Jerusalem.

Outside of the capture of the Turksh stronghold the week's fighting has not produced any appreciable results. or politically, sufficient change the situation.

STEPHEN ROACHE DEAD.

commodore of the Manhassett Bay Yacht Club and one of the organizers of the Lambs' Club.

IN HOTEL LOBBY

After Writing Letter to Friend.

He had just concluded a speaking to the days of the Medes and Persians, and he wasn't certain that

> betray the British empire falled, said the former Ambassador, many were made drunk, and when they became disorderly, were shot down by their